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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, IT

SUBJECT: ITALIAN EXCHANGE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

1. HEAD OF BANK OF ITALY EXCHANGE OPERATIONS, GERONSI,  
TOLD TREASATT FEBRUARY 2 THAT DOLLAR/LIRA EXCHANGE RATE  
IN FRANKFURT (COMPUTED ON BASIS CROSS RATES) WAS 769.86  
BOI WEIGHTED AVERAGE DEVALUATION INDICES SINCE FEBRUARY  
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1973, ALSO CALCULATED ON FRANKFURT, WERE 29.71 PERCENT

FOR ALL CURRENCIES, 24.53 PERCENT FOR DOLLAR, AND 33.70 PERCENT FOR EC CURRENCIES.

2. GERONIS CHARACTERIZED MOVEMENTS OF LIRA RATE AS QUOTE IRRESPONSIBLE QUOTE. VOLUME OF TRADING WAS NEAR PRE-CRISIS NORMAL OF ABOUT \$70 MILLION PER DAY BUT PARTICIPANTS SEEMED MAINLY TO BE BANKS TAKING SPECULATIVE POSITIONS ON RATE MOVEMENTS DURING COURSE OF DAY. DOLLAR/LIRA RATE HAD OPENED AROUND 760, REACHED MAXIMUM OF ABOUT 775 AND THEN FELL BACK TO ABOUT 765 AT CLOSING OF MARKET. PETROLEUM COMPANIES HAVE STILL NOT RE-ENTERED MARKET, NOR HAVE OTHER LARGE OPERATORS RETURNED TO NORMAL LEVEL OF ACTIVITY. VOLPE

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